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## THE ANTHRACITE PROBLEM.

The investigation of the anthracite coal industry by the commission is developing some things that seem queer when assertions and results are compared. Anthracite mine workers labor ten hours, or twenty-five per cent longer for a day, than in the bituminous miners, and receive twenty to forty per cent. less wages.

Anthracite miners paid by product, mine 2,700 to 3,100 pounds for a ton, at a wage twenty per cent less than the bituminous miner gets for 2,240 pounds. Anthracite operators sell their coal, produced under such rates, at 2,240 pounds to the ton, for 200 to 400 per cent. higher than bituminous coal.

Thus to sum up: With the advantage over the bituminous mines of twenty-five per cent. in hours and twenty to forty per cent. in wages on day workers, 300 to 800 pounds per ton and twenty per cent. in wages on miners, and finally selling their coal at 200 to 400 per cent. more than bituminous coal, the anthracite companies rarely pay a dividend, and on this ground claim they can not afford to grant the demands of the miners for shorter hours, advanced wages and legal ton measure for coal mined, as is done in bituminous mines.

But the bituminous mines pay dividends, just the reverse result one would figure out. That is the mystery the operators may find it difficult to explain; that is, to the satisfaction of the commission and the public.

Perhaps the miners' representatives will solve this problem, if the operators can not or will not, and it will read something like this: The railway companies that transport anthracite coal to market own or control the mines; or the railways are owned or controlled by the anthracite operators; or, at any rate, they are combined so as to be under one and the same control. That the freight rates for transporting anthracite coal to market are so high as to absorb all the profit of the coal mines, with the result that while the mines pay no dividend, the Reading and other railways pay such dividends as to be bonanzas, accounting for their stock being quoted (rarely sold) at 200 to 500 per cent. above par. That with legal freight rates the anthracite operators could give the miners shorter hours, higher wages, sell anthracite coal cheaper and pay fair dividends.

## THE MOLINEUX CASE.

The acquittal of Molineux of the charge of murder on his second trial, after his conviction on his first trial, is exciting general comment by the press, in which the police and court officials are condemned for their all but successful efforts to convict an innocent man, it being stated that all that prevented their success was the wealth of Molineux's father, who expended \$175,000 to save his son. Much stress is placed upon the assertion that had Molineux been poor he would have been executed for a murder he did not commit. All of which in the abstract may be true, but is hardly applicable when the circumstances and conditions as revealed by the evidence are reviewed, which develop the real cause of Molineux's predicament and furnished the grounds for his being suspected, indicted and tried for murder. Finally, he was acquitted rather because he was not proven guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt" than that he

was proven innocent. Two men and a woman of New York's upper tondom, both members of an ultra fashionable club, all of the swellest society, died suddenly of poisoning. This poison was received by them through the mails; the circumstances in all three cases were similar, and no one doubts that one person was guilty of sending the poison to all the victims; the associations and conduct of the members of this swell club were shown to be shockingly immoral and degrading, involving men and women, some of them married, but marriage seemed to be only a cloak to hide crime; that jealousy and enmity over liaisons were frequent; that Molineux and the three victims were parties to one of these affairs; that other men had won the favor of the married woman; that this had caused enmity, quarrels and threats by the male admirers of the woman; revenge and a desire to get rid of his rivals was the motive assigned, and with the circumstances as a basis, Molineux was charged with the murder of the woman whom it was contended got the poison intended for another. The prosecution failed to clearly prove that Molineux was the party who purchased and mailed the poison. The verdict of guilty in the first trial was set aside because of the admission of evidence of the murder of the two men was admitted.

Molineux seems to have been justly acquitted of murder, but his ordeal and narrow escape from execution were the result of his immoral habits and associations. Like the son of many another rich family, he was proven to have been dissolute, degraded, criminal, from the exposure and consequences of which he was shielded by the influence and respectability of his family, till a horrible crime, with which circumstances connected him, revealed his unsavory career, placed him in jeopardy, chagrined, humiliated and perhaps bankrupted his family to save his neck.

That the wealth and influence of his family saved Molineux from conviction seems true; but it was likewise the wealth and influence of his family that shielded him from condemnation by the public and retraction by the authorities in his dissolute career, leading to and resulting in the charge of murder. While it is true that a poor man charged with murder under such circumstantial evidence would have been convicted, it is likewise true that a poor man, leading such a dissolute career, would have been exposed as a "tough," kept under police surveillance, arrested, imprisoned or driven out of the community ere he had gotten into a murder case.

The real cause of Molineux's jeopardy and all its disgrace, sorrow and cost, was his dissipation and immoral associations; and the Molineux case is only one of the many skeletons in the closets of respectable and wealthy families—a dissolute son—most of which are kept from the public. Had Molineux behaved himself as his home training and social standing would indicate he should, and as he had every opportunity and encouragement to do—decently and as a gentleman—there would have been no Molineux case.

The statements of the anthracite operators presented to the arbitration commission seem to have been prepared by amateurs, or it may be that their authors are so presumptuous as to imagine anything

will do. For instance, the Lehigh company state their skilled employees have been paid \$2.43 to \$3.60 per day, live in good houses, have bank accounts, and many of them have bought and paid for homes. This reads well so far, but in the last paragraph it is stated the company owns most of the houses occupied by its employees, which it rents for \$4.75 per month, and that the annual wages of employees average \$460. It is not an extra good nor a large house that rents for \$4.75 per month, and \$460 per year wages is only \$1.53 per day.

This is how it works under coercion in Ireland: Mr. William Redmond, M. P., addressed a meeting in County Wexford. Complaint of Mr. Redmond's speech was filed with Justice Wright, who ordered that Redmond furnish bail for good behavior for two years, or in default be imprisoned for six months. Mr. Redmond was attending Parliament for weeks after, but when he returned to Ireland, landing at Kingstown, he was promptly arrested. He was accompanied by his wife and asked to be allowed to escort her to a hotel, which was refused. He was taken to Kilmainham and locked up to serve a sentence of six months. As Mr. John Redmond, M. P., one of the visitors to the United States, addressed the same meeting, it is not improbable that he may be arrested on his return to Ireland.

Now they charge President Baer with plagiarizing his only famous utterance during the coal strike—his claim of divine commission to look after the rights and interests of the laboring man. The publishing of a paragraph from the proclamation of George III. to the American colonial rebels proves the charge. It also furnishes a clew as to where President Baer got his ideas of the prerogatives of employers and the rights of working people. His views, carried to a conclusion, are still the rule in Old England.

The Cork Exposition recently closed was a success beyond expectations. The attendance exceeded 1,500,000, the displays of Irish art and product were agreeably surprising, the financial receipts ample to pay all expenses, and it is to reopen next year on a much larger scale. A similar exposition held at Wolverhampton, England, as a rival attraction, proved a dismal failure, resulting in a deficit of \$250,000. Nothing is said about reopening the Wolverhampton Exposition next year.

Sir Antony MacDonnell, an Irishman, a Catholic, a Home Ruler and Land Reformer, has been appointed Under Secretary for Ireland. This is reported to be preliminary to a let-up and final abandonment of coercion, leaving the landlords to fight their own battle. This is possible, as Sir Antony is hardly the man to select if the coercion policy is to be continued; besides it is evident that results from coercion are not what was expected, but just the contrary.

The educational bill is being forced through Parliament, and as the Government becomes assured of support it adds to the provisions of the bill. One new section transfers the control of religious instruction in the schools from the clergy to the managers. A motion to exempt the Catholic schools was rejected.

The Interstate Railroad Commission is after the anthracite coal

carrying roads to answer the charge of extortionate and discriminating freight rates on coal. The farther the anthracite operators go in their obstinate purpose to crush out organized labor, the more they seem to run up against.

## SOCIETY.

J. William Horstman and his bride have returned from their bridal trip.

William Dwyer is seriously ill at the home of his brother, Ed Dwyer, in Jeffersonville.

Miss Sallie Miller will be the hostess for the Jeffersonville Cecilia Circle next Tuesday evening.

Nick Lentz and wife, who were visiting Mrs. Ed Kehoe, at Jeffersonville, have returned to Utica.

Miss Maude Kelly, one of Lexington's prettiest young women, arrived here Monday to visit friends.

Miss Annie O'Neill, of Anna, Ill., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robert Blanks, at 1506 West Madison street.

Harry McDevitt, who was recently seriously ill, has entirely recovered and is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

Sylvester Rapier, the New Haven Banker, was here the first part of the week. He reports everybody as prospering in Nelson county.

John Ralby, who has been ill during the greater part of the past year, is considerably improved and is out shaking hands with his friends.

Miss Nellie Fitzgibbons, the handsome and accomplished daughter of John Fitzgibbons, of Shelbyville, spent last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dignon.

Mrs. Mike Pincen, of Ninth and Kentucky, has gone to Nashville to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rooney. She will return about December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Talbot and children, formerly of Louisville and now of Birmingham, Ala., spent several days in this city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor.

William P. Bannon, the well known contractor, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis at his home on First and A streets. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Patrick J. Welsh, the genial and popular Superintendent of the Kentucky Public Elevator, has returned with his wife and two children after a very pleasant visit with friends at Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Tarpey left this week for Newport, where she will remain until after Thanksgiving as the guest of Mrs. Oscar Coldeway, who will entertain quite extensively in honor of her fair visitor.

Everybody connected with the City Court was glad to see Deputy Clerk Henry Schweiters at his desk again Wednesday morning after an absence of two weeks, owing to a severe attack of pleurisy.

Miss Leona Stoesser was the guest of honor at a largely attended and delightful surprise party given in celebration of her birthday this week by a host of her young friends and admirers at the home of her parents.

The many friends of Walter Ratcliffe, chief deputy to County Clerk Will Seamon, are rejoicing over his recovery from an attack of tonsillitis that confined him to his home on West Chestnut street for several days.

Emmet Fitzpatrick, the well known plumber, who has been confined to his home since the first of September, suffering from rheumatism, was this week reported improving. This will be welcome news to his many friends.

John T. Winn, a prominent Irishman of New Albany, is receiving many congratulations this week on account of the arrival of a baby girl at his home, 1013 Beeler street. The mother and child are doing well and Papa John is happy.

V. Earl Hall and Miss Agnes Enos, popular young people of the West End, were married at the Church of the Holy Cross at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening. A large number of friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Frank G. Cunningham was here from St. Louis to spend Sunday with friends, all of whom were glad to meet him. Since becoming Traveling Passenger Agent for the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis he has visited the Far West, where he met with gratifying success.

Among the welcome visitors to the Kentucky Irish American office during the week were the Messrs. Barry, publishers of the New Haven Echo. They were here trying to induce Louisville

capitalists to erect an extensive factory in their progressive town. Both expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the result of their visit.

George Haller and Miss Julia Dey were married at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The only attendants were William Dey and Wallace Colter. Mr. Haller is a successful young business man. His bride is a charming young lady. Both have many friends who wish them joy on their journey through life.

It was with regret that the many friends heard of the relapse of Hon. Frank B. Burke, of Indianapolis, who several months ago underwent a serious surgical operation at the Mercy Hospital in Jeffersonville. Mrs. Burke and her children have returned from Indianapolis to attend the bedside of the sick man. She and her children are the guests of Mrs. Burke's mother, Mrs. Michael V. McCann, of Jeffersonville.

Messrs. James Hogan and Michael Coogan, of Scottsdale, Pa., were visitors here this week and were royally entertained by Col. John Featherstone, Superintendent of the Cumberland Telegraph and Telephone Company. They are the representatives of the Tenuis Construction Company, and have charge of the building of the electric trolley line that will connect Jeffersonville and New Albany. Both are clever and genial gentlemen and made many friends.

Another notable wedding of the past week was that solemnized at St. Patrick's Monday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Katie Boyle and William Sessy, Rev. Father Cronin performing the marriage ceremony. They were attended by Miss Sophie Kurn and William Frederick. The bride is the lovely daughter of Mrs. Mary Boyle, of Eighteenth and High streets. The lucky groom is a popular and highly respected young man who has held a good position with the Standard Oil Company for a number of years.

One of the most interesting and brilliant weddings ever witnessed in the West End was solemnized with nuptial high mass at Holy Cross church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, when Miss Mary Yurt, the accomplished and pretty daughter of Anthony Yurt, became the bride of Charles Leis, a well known and popular young business man of New Albany. The ceremony was performed by the beloved pastor of Holy Cross, Rev. B. A. Cunningham, and was witnessed by several hundred friends of the young people. A beautiful feature of the happy occasion was the celebration of the silver wedding of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yurt, who are among the best known German Catholics of the city. A largely attended reception followed in celebration of the double event.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Bernard Erb, aged seventy-three years, a well known German citizen of the West End, died at his home, 1823 West Walnut street, on Tuesday morning. The funeral took place from St. Anthony's church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

John J. Erasime, a well known German citizen, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Philip Kastner, 212 East Jefferson street, Sunday afternoon. The deceased was forty years of age. The funeral took place from St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and was well attended.

George C. Augustus, aged twenty years, died at the family residence, 2241 First street, on Tuesday morning. The deceased was the son of Samuel F. Augustus and was an exemplary young man. The funeral took place from St. Philip Neri church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The interment was in St. Louis cemetery.

J. Fred Hillerich, aged thirty years, died suddenly at his home, 512 Campbell street, at 1:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hillerich was a member of the firm of J. P. Hillerich & Sons, manufacturers of baseball bats. He was a son of J. F. Hillerich, the head of the firm. He was married five years ago and leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Hillerich was very popular with the baseball fraternity. He was a devout Catholic and a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

## LARGE RADISH.

Mrs. William Patterson, West Main street, is greatly pleased with her success in gardening. She has undertaken gardening in her own yard for pleasure and exercise. During this week she dug up a mammoth radish, which weighs six pounds. Her friends are congratulating her on her success as an agriculturist.

## GOES TO FRANCE.

Mother Cleophas, the Superior General of the Sisters of Providence in the United States, with headquarters at Terre Haute, Ind., left this week for Ruelle, France, where the order was founded 100 years ago. The property of the order has been confiscated by the French Government. Mother Cleophas expects to bring to the United States many of the exiled nuns of the order, who will act as teachers of the French language at academies in this country.

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## WELL PLEASED

Is Supreme President O'Connor With Present Conditions.

A representative of the Kentucky Irish American visited the Hon. P. J. O'Connor, Supreme President of the Catholic Knights of America, during his visit here this week and asked as to his views of the present condition and future prospects of the Catholic Knights. President O'Connor said in reply:

"At present the order is 25,000 strong and is steadily growing. In Kentucky the order is making satisfactory progress and during the past year shows a net gain. I am particularly gratified with the work being done in Louisville by the Central Committee and by the great majority of the Louisville branches. As to the disability fund I can say that I believe the Supreme Council will at its next session adopt some measure which will give relief to the aged and infirm members. The plan submitted by Mr. W. C. Smith, of Louisville, is meeting with much favor. The reserve fund, which now amounts to \$657,250, I think should be kept intact, and I hope to see it grow until it reaches the \$1,000,000 mark. After that I believe the natural increase will be sufficient to meet all demands. This matter will in all probability be fully discussed at the meeting of the Supreme officers at St. Louis, to which meeting I am now on my way."

## LEWIS &amp; PIAZZA'S OPENING.

Quite a crowd attended the opening of Lewis & Piazza's new store at 802 East Broadway last Saturday. These young gentlemen are prepared to do a large business handling coffee, tea and spices either in the wholesale or retail line. The floral offerings of their friends were numerous. Among these was a handsome horseshoe from R. J. Thornton & Co., and a similar design from Deputy Circuit Clerk Frank Dacher.

Owen L. Lewis has spent eight years in the coffee and tea business in Parkland. Joseph E. Piazza is President of Trinity Council, Y. M. I., and Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors. He

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makers, who will present their latest success, "In Dahomey."